



August 25, 2006

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
235 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bill Frist
United States Senate
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Speaker and Senator Frist:

As governors who are on the front lines of America's immigration crisis, we write to urge you to take real action and pass comprehensive reform legislation that secures the border, protects taxpayers and restores the rule of law by practically dealing with the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants currently in the country. We believe that a solution modeled on these principles would attain these goals and greatly benefit taxpayers in our states.

In all of our states, we face a crisis not of our making. Over the past six years the combination of lax and ineffective enforcement of our borders and the failure to enforce immigration laws has led to an explosion in the illegal immigration population. As a result, our states are flooded with illegal immigrants, our taxpayers are angry, and citizens and non-citizens alike are losing respect for the rule of law.

We are doing our part. At President Bush's request, we have sent our National Guard to the border to do the job the federal government is supposed to do. We have used state and local law enforcement to help enforce the laws the federal government is supposed to enforce. We ask you to do your part.

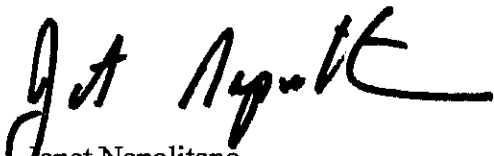
Instead of holding dozens of field hearings that do little but stir the pot of discontent, we urge you to get back to work and pass legislation that puts the interest of taxpayers first and solves

this crisis once and for all. We ask that you pass comprehensive reform and address this critical issue before Congress adjourns for the year.

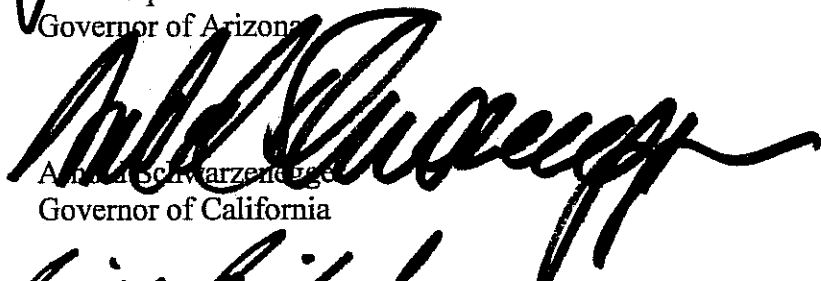
Respectfully,



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